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Shipping Weight and Value, Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	92,625	(X)	19,238	13,150	43,965	12,164	1,422	1,908	711,072	(X)	77,143	56,304	386,602	153,531	15,654	12,518
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	32,018	7,449	4,139	14,079	5,006	392	601	(X)	254,133	36,095	15,032	121,631	68,960	4,938	2,860
Boston, Mass.....	2,479	1,206	338	(Z)	2,017	25	21	78	24,400	11,153	2,540	13	19,826	606	385	1,029
Bridgeport, Conn.....	74	74	1	-	73	-	-	-	210	210	15	-	195	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	9	9	-	-	-	9	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	356	356	354	-	2	(Z)	-	-	2,792	2,792	2,752	-	37	3	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	40,244	12,725	2,648	3,571	28,091	4,599	171	1,163	381,089	120,117	15,651	22,341	266,514	65,556	2,991	8,037
Philadelphia, Pa.....	803	459	113	111	446	110	5	16	4,432	2,314	904	469	2,280	701	4	74
Baltimore, Md.....	49	49	17	-	29	1	-	1	154	154	37	-	95	16	-	6
Wilmington, N.C.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	86	86	1	1	25	56	-	2	862	862	4	13	267	541	-	36
Savannah, Ga.....	198	173	56	(Z)	139	2	-	2	1,176	551	184	3	898	12	-	80
Tampa, Fla.....	39	2	38	-	1	-	-	-	111	9	105	-	6	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	15	15	-	-	1	14	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	493	216	426	67	-	-	-	-	1,364	530	1,201	162	-	-	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	122	62	105	2	11	4	-	-	624	323	484	21	116	3	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	86	86	86	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,235	1,229	1,228	-	6	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	27	17	27	-	-	-	-	-	251	220	251	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,006	1,833	666	229	1,761	1,965	349	35	60,895	21,756	3,092	2,738	22,245	27,963	4,552	305
San Francisco, Calif....	2,751	1,441	197	68	286	1,739	455	6	50,095	20,567	2,631	433	4,940	36,416	5,550	125
Portland, Oreg.....	90	90	8	-	81	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,387	1,387	101	-	1,253	32	-	1
Seattle, Wash.....	737	551	224	(Z)	271	242	(Z)	(Z)	6,839	3,733	1,587	1	2,971	2,238	6	37
Anchorage, Alaska.....	115	106	35	-	4	76	-	-	282	231	97	-	36	149	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	236	127	18	-	-	149	68	-	2,306	1,586	39	-	-	1,478	789	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	53	53	53	-	-	-	-	-	281	281	281	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	194	183	122	(Z)	19	53	-	-	2,703	2,635	1,223	2	283	1,195	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,780	1,375	507	49	1,182	20	9	12	9,902	8,144	2,263	39	7,185	159	161	96
Chicago, Ill.....	8,356	4,088	2,093	14	4,820	1,290	23	115	58,967	27,613	14,860	118	32,837	10,474	55	623
Cleveland, Ohio.....	415	60	315	(Z)	92	6	(Z)	1	1,895	354	1,500	1	366	15	(Z)	12
St. Louis, Mo.....	47	47	3	-	44	-	-	(Z)	1,521	1,521	31	-	1,488	-	-	3
San Juan, P.R.....	741	568	637	92	12	(Z)	-	(Z)	2,568	1,509	1,074	830	634	6	-	25
Miami, Fla.....	12,964	5,013	5,368	7,409	174	6	(Z)	7	41,054	14,069	13,609	25,441	1,796	103	24	83
Houston, Tex.....	1,375	427	365	344	246	237	-	184	7,190	1,951	1,715	1,052	1,969	1,699	-	755
Washington, D.C.....	412	76	1	31	344	30	1	5	7,645	502	6	103	7,459	47	1	29
All other districts.....	110	108	24	-	86	-	-	-	1,217	1,190	213	-	1,004	-	-	-
Shipments under $251....	11,399	(NA)	4,391	1,161	3,707	1,544	317	279	26,282	(NA)	7,461	2,526	9,896	4,102	1,134	1,162
Special Category.....	778	352	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,319	4,617	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. **Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent**

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	84,634	(X)	8,001	7,650	46,599	21,174	665	404	548,451	(X)	35,453	22,659	328,171	146,531	4,518	10,945
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	36,394	3,150	3,261	18,147	11,513	207	116	(X)	270,392	15,680	9,458	156,994	83,112	1,647	3,502
Boston, Mass.....	2,973	1,672	127	10	2,711	122	(Z)	1	16,995	10,475	1,289	28	13,856	697	3	1,122
Bridgeport, Conn.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	5	1	5	-	(Z)	-	-	-	110	65	106	-	4	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	187	180	175	-	12	(Z)	-	(Z)	2,909	2,811	2,695	-	194	20	-	1
New York City, N.Y.....	45,314	18,246	1,145	3,341	32,753	7,544	252	278	305,809	133,606	6,733	14,102	223,511	50,839	1,886	8,737
Philadelphia, Pa.....	868	515	29	-	739	96	-	3	7,175	4,416	447	-	6,291	332	-	106
Baltimore, Md.....	61	26	3	2	52	3	-	-	339	118	19	8	294	14	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	307	304	(Z)	-	307	-	-	-	1,714	1,704	7	-	1,706	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	23	23	(Z)	-	23	-	-	-	2,100	2,100	(Z)	-	2,100	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	74	62	26	-	37	11	-	-	1,347	1,310	164	-	1,148	35	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	10	8	2	7	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	41	20	24	6	9	3	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	3	1	2	-	1	(Z)	-	-	5	2	1	-	3	(Z)	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	203	108	191	3	9	-	-	-	232	115	144	27	61	-	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	84	66	83	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	308	90	273	-	9	26	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	37	18	35	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	-	354	271	338	3	2	11	(Z)	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	17	17	17	-	-	(Z)	-	-	283	282	275	-	-	8	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	6,171	2,889	311	137	1,352	4,256	108	7	62,847	34,248	3,320	685	23,135	34,644	980	82
San Francisco, Calif...	4,932	3,270	48	27	190	4,571	96	1	44,236	27,098	551	97	2,270	40,037	1,242	40
Portland, Oreg.....	43	3	2	-	40	1	-	-	85	21	16	-	63	6	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	1,771	1,601	101	(Z)	115	1,556	-	-	11,918	8,629	3,395	4	1,004	7,515	-	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	45	2	(Z)	-	30	14	-	-	347	59	1	-	305	40	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	515	209	48	-	32	367	67	(Z)	3,382	1,292	62	-	899	2,245	176	(Z)
Great Falls, Mont.....	7	6	7	-	-	-	-	(Z)	96	88	95	-	-	-	-	(Z)
Pembina, N. Dak.....	6	5	6	-	(Z)	-	-	-	79	75	76	-	3	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	151	148	12	(Z)	35	103	(Z)	(Z)	1,156	1,076	202	4	452	480	2	16
Detroit, Mich.....	1,251	1,033	207	2	941	80	-	21	5,693	3,943	877	5	4,534	181	-	96
Chicago, Ill.....	4,172	1,720	405	5	2,943	780	10	28	34,264	16,045	4,201	15	25,136	4,375	68	469
Cleveland, Ohio.....	256	142	56	-	168	32	-	(Z)	703	163	226	-	411	65	-	1
St. Louis, Mo.....	64	59	4	2	58	(Z)	(Z)	-	390	346	27	3	353	6	1	-
San Juan, P.R.....	1,444	551	698	540	204	2	-	(Z)	3,318	916	1,290	555	969	501	-	3
Miami, Fla.....	6,961	2,632	3,245	3,378	281	16	(Z)	40	17,969	8,890	6,383	6,841	4,529	180	(Z)	36
Houston, Tex.....	379	178	187	14	146	29	-	4	5,155	491	911	49	1,890	2,242	-	63
Washington, D.C.....	620	571	32	1	561	27	-	(Z)	8,890	8,340	66	8	8,544	125	-	147
All other districts....	149	130	28	-	122	(Z)	-	-	1,460	1,286	307	-	1,152	1	-	-
Shipments under $251...	5,533	(NA)	762	180	2,736	1,561	130	21	6,746	(NA)	929	220	3,336	1,903	159	25

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